HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 823 By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jim Brown and the fabulous 1997-1998 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team on a great season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize the singular accomplishments of our exemplary athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 1997-1998 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team have distinguished themselves as exemplary representatives of their fine school and their community; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils won the coveted Millington Invitational Christmas

Tournament, with impressive victories over Crescent City, Louisiana 66-24, Collierville 71-16,

Millington 55-44 and Germantown 47-36; and

WHEREAS, this talented team finished second in tough District 9-AA regular season competition, with a sterling 10-2 record; and

WHEREAS, they next won the exciting District 9-AA Tournament, defeating Smith County 60-32, Macon County 44-39, and Livingston Academy 52-45; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County girls' team finished as the Region 5-AA Tournament runner-up, besting White House 48-36 and David Lipscomb 48-37 to advance to the substate level; and

WHEREAS, they finished their memorable season with an outstanding 29-6 record; and

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WHEREAS, the Jackson County girls' team was ranked number one in the state at one point during the season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils were under the capable guidance of highly respected Head Coach Jim Brown and Assistant Coaches Bobby McWilliams and Barbara Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils relied on a true "team effort"; the members of the squad were: seniors Melissa Davidson and Tish Robinson; juniors, Julianne Breidert and Emily Gribble; sophomores Joanna Chaffin, Heather Davidson, and Kasey Collins; and freshmen, Sarah Breidert, Becca Focer, Tiffany Meadows, Jessica Smith, Tandi Bowman, and Ashley Pryor; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were: Anna Glover, Amanda Mabery, Brandy Dixon, Amy Anderson, and Anna Childress; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute the numerous accomplishments of this successful team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jim Brown and the 1997-1998 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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